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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 6 and 8, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-15).